

AGENDA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**
2. **CALL TO ORDER**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the May 16, 2011 and May 6, 2011 meetings.
5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)
 - 8.1 None
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 HRC Work Plan

BACKGROUND: The Commission has developed a work plan that includes various tasks and events through Calendar Year 2011 and has requested staff include the work plan as a standing item on the agenda.

Enclosure: 9.1.1 HRC 2010/11 Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Review current work plan and entertain a motion to amend work plan if appropriate.
 - 9.2 Community Event for Joseph David Osman's "*Surrender to Kindness*"

BACKGROUND: “*Surrender to Kindness*” is a memoir and narrative non-fiction book written by Afghan American Joseph David Osman about his time spent as an advisor to the American military in Afghanistan. Based on a Pashtun proverb, the premise of the book suggests that Afghans will never give in to violence but will surrender to kindness.

The Commission, is hosting three book talks featuring Mr. Osman’s book. Special outreach efforts have been made to the Afghan Community. This project is being led by the Community Outreach Committee.

Event Schedule

Date	Time	Place	Facilitator	Cards
6/23/11	12:00 PM	Cal State East Bay	La	Johnson Shenfil
6/23/11	7:00 PM	Fremont Senior Center	Campbell	Hoffman
6/24/11	12:00 PM	Fremont Main Library	Davè	Walsh Campbell Leung

RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff updates.

9.3 Human Relations Award Discussion

BACKGROUND: The Commission is considering an award to recognize individuals who have made outstanding voluntary contributions for the common good and/or sustainable change in the community and who serve the community with distinction in the pursuit of equality, justice, and human rights for all citizens. Demonstrating this pursuit could include organizing, promoting and participating in community activities related to human relations issues, and/or demonstrating positive leadership in human relations.

At the May 16, 2011 meeting, the Commission agreed to reduce the number of award categories to six by the July meeting. Commissioner La has confirmed that the Tri-City Voice would be willing to work with the Commission on this project.

Enclosure: 9.3.1 HRC Award Criteria

RECOMMENDATION: Finalize six categories, receive updates from Commissioner La, and decide next steps on beginning award process.

9.4 Commission Participation in San Francisco Pride Parade

BACKGROUND: The City Council has adopted a resolution recognizing June as Pride Month. It has also authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement necessary for the City to officially participate in the San Francisco Pride Parade, which is scheduled for June 26, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. The Commission plans to enter two automobiles, and is outreaching to other Commissions to see if they'd like to participate with the HRC.

RECOMMENDATION: Provided updates on Commissioners' outreach efforts and other logistical issues.

9.5 "Race To Nowhere" Symposium

BACKGROUND: The Commission co-hosted a screening of the film "Race to Nowhere," which covered the topic of students under stress. The Screening was held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at 2pm and 7pm at the Conrad Anderson Conference Room in Washington Hospital.

It has been reported to staff that the event was extremely successful and well attended.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide or receive report-out from event.

9.6 Anti-Bullying Forum

BACKGROUND: The League of Women Voters - Fremont, Newark, Union City; the AAUW; the Fremont PTA Council; and the Commission co-sponsored an "Anti-Bullying" Forum on May 23, 2011, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Centerville Junior High.

The forum included a presentation, Q&A session, and a 40-minute screening of the film, "Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History."

RECOMMENDATION: Provide or receive report-out from event

10. NEW BUSINESS (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action).

10.1 Tri-City Volunteers

BACKGROUND: Ms. Melissa Ponchard, Executive Director of Tri-City Volunteers (TCV), will provide an update on recent issues faced by TCV, as well as progress recently made by TCV.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation by Ms. Ponchard.

11. COMMISSION REFERRALS

11.1 None

12. STANDING AND ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Strengthening Fremont Serving Non Profits Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Chair Hoffman and Commissioners Walsh and Davé works to:

- a. Participate in the Community Advisory and Engagement Board (CAEB) at Family Resource Center (FRC) – workshops and/or forums
- b. Review, evaluate and oversee the Social Service Grant Program
- c. Conduct workshops and/or forums which are beneficial to local non profits.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.2 Community Dialogue and Resource Sharing Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Watanuki (Lead), Vice-Chair Smith and Commissioner La works to:

- a. Educate and empower the community on important social issues.
- b. Respond to current issues and concerns
- c. Hold events, workshops, and forums

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update on symposium.

12.3 Community Outreach Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee of Commissioner Davé (Lead), Commissioners Vuppala and Leung, and Chair Smith works to:

- a. Improve visibility of the HRC
- b. Improve youth involvement
- c. Work with other Commissions to serve the entire community
- d. Film series

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update.

12.4 Advocacy Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners Walsh Davé, La and Campbell works to promote the needs of the community to City Leadership

RECOMMENDATION: Receive committee update and add additional committee members to replace former commissioners.

12.5 “Make a Difference Day” Committee

BACKGROUND: A committee consisting of Commissioners La, Davé, and Campbell works to coordinate a city-wide day of volunteering scheduled for October 22, 2011. FY 2011/12 will be last year the City will match the original \$1,500 per year donation provided by Celebrate Fremont.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update.

12.6 Other Commission Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Receive reports from Commissioners on relevant meetings/events.

13. STAFF REPORTS

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. REFERRALS TO STAFF (this is for items referred by an individual Commissioner. A Commission vote in favor of an item here means it will be placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. ADJOURNMENT